अनियमितताएं तथा पक्षपात करने के आरोपों की कोई शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है ; यदि हां, तो उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) तथा (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Retrenchment of workers of Chigargunta Gold Mine Project

2786. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. served recently retrenchment notice on 160 workers and sought permission of the Ministry of Labour under Sec. 25—03 of ID Act;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the workers sought to be retrenched by MECL are seniormost in Hyderabad area of MECL and about 700 junior workers employed even in 1989 are retained in service;

(c) whether it is a fact that the MECL Employees Union who appeared in the enquiry held on the 2nd July, 1990 and submitted a written note to Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Labour Ministry granted permission for retrenchment on the 25th July, 1990 ignoring the Union's appeal and in violation of the established rule of first came last go; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. served retrenchment notice on 161 contingent workers employed in their establishment at Chigargunta Gold project in Kuppam Taluk, Chittoor Distt. Andhra Pradesh on completion of their exploration work with effect from 31st August, 1990. The Corporation also submitted an application to the Ministry of Labour seeking permission for closure of the said establishment under Section 25-0 of the I.D. Act, 1947.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e' The Ministry of Labour examined the matter in detail in the light of the submisions and statements made by all the parties concerned (including the MEC Employees Union) and all other relevant facts, and having regard to the genuineness and adequacy of the reasons advanced by the management, granted permission for closure of the establishment vide letter dated 26th July, 1990. Since this was a case of closure of the establishment involving retrenchment of all the contingent workers employed therein, the question of violation of the rule of 'first come last go' does not arise.

Increase in administered prices of fertilizers

2787. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering an increase in the administered prices of fertilizers; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.